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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ORAL REQUEST OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING ALTERNATIVE FY 1999 IOCS DATA FILES (Tr. 45/20062)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the oral request of the Presiding Officer (Tr. 45/20062) at hearings on August 30, 2000, regarding the provision of an alternative version of the FY 1999 IOCS tally tapes reflecting two specific adjustments.

The request is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Q. [C]ould we be provided with a version of the USPS Library Reference 439, the IOCS data for FY 1999 that reflects, one, the revisions to the Standard B Special rate and Standard A that you identify in your response to Order 1300 filed today, and the revisions to First Class and Standard A automation and non-automation costs provided on August 25 in response to Presiding Officer's Ruling 116?

RESPONSE:

The requested alternative version of the FY 1999 IOCS data files is provided in USPS-LR-I-493. It corresponds to the material previously provided as USPS-LR-I-439, with the exception of the two requested adjustments. First, as described in witness Degen's August 30 response to Order No. 1300, 119 direct tallies have been reassigned from Special Standard to Standard A Regular. Second, the procedure to split tallies between automation and non-automation categories in First-Class and Standard A reflected in the original FY 1999 data in LRI-I-439 has been replaced with the procedure used to split those tallies in FY 1998. Those respective procedures were discussed in the Postal Service's August 14th response to Commissioner LeBlanc's oral request during hearings on August 3 (Tr. 35/16801-10).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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